THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of loss suffered by the Company during the financial years 1982-83 and 1983-84 is Rs. 198.52 lakhs and Rs. 743.58 lakhs (Provisional) respectively.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

Losses in Textile Units taken over by National Textile Corporation

241. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile units taken over by the National Textile Corporation are incurring losses every year;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard during the last three years, year-wise and mill-wise;

(c) what steps Government have taken to make these units viable; and

(d) whether Government have any proposal for closing down textile units which are continuously incurring losses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Year-wise profit/loss account of the Nationalised as well as the managed units under the National Textile Corporation, for the last three years, is given in the annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXI, Annexure No. 3].

(c) Some of the important steps taken to improve the performance of these units are as follows:

1. modernisation of plant and machinery and expansion of installed capacity, wherever necessary:

2. installation of diesel generating sets to overcome power shortage:

3. diversificaion in the pattern of production:

4. rationalisation of work load and labour force:

5. economy and control in cotton mixing costs through use of man-made fibres, comber waste, etc. and

6. control on coal costs through better tie-up with Railway Authorities, Coal India, etc.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Crisis in Textile Industry

242. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the textile industry in the country is facing crisis and a number of mills were closed down;

(b) whether Government have enquired into the reasons for such closures;

(c) the number of textile units which have closed down during the last one year; and

(d) what steps Government have taken against the erring managements of closed textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (c) As on June, 30, 1984, there were 62 cotton textile mills which were closed. These mills were closed due to a variety of reasons such as obsolesence of plant and machinery, financial difficulties, problems of industrial relations etc. Out of the above mentioned 62 mills. 40 mills closed down during the last one year.

(d) wherever there is any violation of any law, appropriate action would habe to be taken. In some cases, the management of the mills has been taken over by the Government.

Raids carried out by the Income Tax Department in Gujarat

243. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATED: Will the Ministr of FINANCE be pleased to statel

(a) whehter it is a fact that the Income Tax Department has carried out raids during the last one year at a number of places in Gujarat;

(b) how many raids were carried out and what are the results thereof; and

(c) what are the names of the parties against whom raids were carried out by the Income Tax Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) Income Tax Department conducted 519 searches during the financial year 1983-84 at various places in Gujarat and seized prima facie unaccounted assets valued at Rs. 2.93 crores approximately. In addition, fixed deposit receipts of about Rs. 1 crore suspected to be in benami and fictitious names have been frozen u|s 132(3) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Having regard to large number of searches, it is not practicable to give details of each case. However, if the Hon'ble Member desires to have information in regard to a particular search, the same can be furnished.

Income-tax returns filed by film stars

244. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that many film stars are not showing correct income in their income-tax returns;

(b) what are the names of the film stars whose cases have been detected by the Income-tax Departmnt showing less income in their income-tax returns during the last one year;

(c) what are the details of the income-tax returns filed by film stars whose income is more than rupees one lakh as shown in their last income tax returns; and

(d) what action has been taken against persons for showing less income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Raids on the Premises of M|s. Escorts Limited

245. DR. MAHABIR PRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the office premises of M|s. Escorts Limited and the residences of their Directors were raided by the Income-tax and FERA authorities recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against M|s. Escorts Limited in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) The office premises of M|s. Escorts Limited and the residences of their Directors were searched by the Directorate of Anti Evasion (Central Excise) on 25-5-84.

(b) and (c) During the course of searches, foreign exchange of $ 150 (cash), U.S. $ 1790 U.S. (T.Cs), Nigerian Naira 1, Sudanese Piastres 25 and Srilanka Rs. 2 was taken over from the residence of one of the Executives of the Company. Some foreign exchange i.e. US $10, Canadian $2, French Francs 50, Nepali Rs. 5, Poland currency 1200, Yugoslav Dinars 220, found from the residence of the Chairman, has been forwarded by the Directorate of Anti Evasion to Enforcement Directorate for further enquiries under FER Act. Documents seized are being scrutinised by Enforcement Directorate and if any contraventions under the FER Act are revealed, appropriate action will be taken.

Hijacking of Indian Airlines Planes

246. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: